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82,201.16 points down
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Rs 71,090 per 10 gram

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Rs 90,000 per 1 Kg

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Aarush Bhardwaj

Class:- 3rd 'B'

D.O.B:- 06-09-2016

JKPS Panjtirthi

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Laksh Kohli

Class:- 9th 'A'

D.O.B:- 06-09-2009

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Ayushi Sharma

Class:- 10th 'B'

D.O.B:- 06-09-2009

JKPS Panjtirthi

NOTICE

The candidate whose photograph is shown above reports that he/she has lost his/her qualification certificate having the following description: Roll No. 535562, Class 10th, Year & Session April 1995 and Name Sahdev Singh, Father's Name Keli Singh, Residence Paloura Dhok, Jammu - 181121. Now the candidate has applied for issuance of Diploma/Marksheet. Before the case will be process under rules, if somebody is having objection in this regard he/she shall approach the office of the Joint Secretary Certificates J&K BOSE Rehari Colony Jammu within 7 days. After the expiry of the defined period no objection will be entertained. (Besides, the lost "Qualification Certificates", issued in Session April 1995 in favour of candidate namely Sahdev Singh is/are be treated as "CANCELLED".



NOTICE

I, Sunita Devi Kundan W/o Gopal Krishan Kundan R/o H.No.12, Sec-1, Block-A, Anuradha Puram Near Kangra Fort Barnai, Jammu state that my name has wrongly been written as Sunita instead of Sunita Devi Kundan in my J&K Bank Share Folio No. JKB004303 JKB Ltd. Now I am applying for correction of the same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written as Ruby Gupta instead of Ruchi Gupta in shares purchased (Reliance Industries) by us long back. Now I am objection if any may be conveyed my permanent address (Aashray near main gate KC Public School, Akhnoor Road P.O. Muthi Jammu 181205.)

Name Ruchi Gupta

W/o Arvind Gupta

R/o (Aashray near mainin gate KC Public School, Akhnoor Road P.O. Muthi Jammu 181205.

NOTICE

I, Nimma Devi W/o No.JC376621L Rank Ex-Hony.Sub.Maj. Darshan Lal R/o Powal, Tehsil Arnia, Distt. Jammu state that my name has been wrongly written as Nimma instead of Nimma Devi in the service record of my husband. Now I am applying for the correction of same. Objection if any may be conveyed to concerned authority within seven days.

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Nirmal Gupta W/o Sh. Tilak Raj Gupta R/o H.No.352, Shastri Nagar, Jammu intend to Sell Plot No. 194, Sector No.3 in Housing Colony, Channi Himmat, Jammu. The following original papers issued by J&K housing Board stands misplaced/not traceable:- 1. Allotment Letter and have applied for NCC for Conveyance Deed for transfer of lease hold rights of above said plot. Objection, if any, may be conveyed to the Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plot No. 352, measuring 40'x80' Shastri Nagar has been allotted, in favour of Sh. Amar Nath Sharma vide Govt. Order No.339-HD of 1973 dated 01-05-1973. I, Tilak Raj Gupta S/o Sh. Behari Lal Gupta R/o H. No.352, Shastri Nagar, Jammu have applied for NCC for Sale Deed above said plot in favour of Parveen Kour W/o Sh. Ramjeet Singh R/o H.No.148, Secto No.1, Sanjay Nagar, Jammu. The ownership rights of the above said, plot is under the process of transfer. Any person having any objections to this transfer shall furnish the same in writing to the office of Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice. However, no objection will be entertained after the expiry of the above said period.



NOTICE

This is to information that I have applied for correction in my Matriculation Certificate in respect of Registration No : C/11/04404/181104 : KV CRPF, Bantialab Jammu J&K. Particular mentioned in the certificate: Arsheen Koul S/O Ashok Kaul to be changed to read as Arsheen Koul S/O Ashok Kumar Koul. Any one having an objection in the request made by me to KVS Chandigarh through KV CRPF, Bantialab Jammu may please contact: The Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan Bantialab, Jammu within 7 days from the publication of this notice.

Arsheen Koul

House No 8, Sector-1 Near Kabir Chowk Durga Nagar,

P.O: Roop Nagar, Jammu

NOTICE

I, Zaker Hussian S/o Sh. Bashir Ahmed R/o Gharti, Tehsil and District Kathua want to apply for registration and issuance of birth certificate in favor of Zaker Hussian S/o Sh. Bashir Ahmed born on 20-09-1992 by Smt. Sara Begum W/o Sh. Bashir Ahmed R/o Gharti Teh. & Distt. Kathua. Vide Registration no. 510/JC dated: 13-12-2010. Objection if any, may be conveyed to the concerned authority within 7 days of publication of this notice.



NOTICE

I, Gurpreet Kour W/O Nishan Singh R/O Ward No 9, Vijaypur, Tehsil - Vijaypur, Distt. Samba, PIN 184120, have changed my name from GURPREET KAUR to GURPREET KOUR. I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname GURPREET KOUR.

NOTICE

I, Gurpreet Rupyal W/O Dilawar Singh R/O Village Makhanpur Charkan, Tehsil Bishnah, Distt. Jammu, PIN 181132, have changed my name from GURPREET RUPYAL to GURPREET KOUR. I do hereby assume from this date the name/surname GURPREET KOUR.

NOTICE

I, Banti Rawal W/o Rakesh Kumar Rawal R/O House No:-301, Sector No:-2, Gangyal, Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir-180010 state that my name has wrongly been written as Bunti Kumari instead Banti Kumari Pandith in my 10th marks sheet & certificate, Now I apply for correction of the same.

NOTICE

I, Rajeev Gupta (Old Name), S/o Surinder Kumar Gupta R/o 169 B, Peer Baba Gali, Subash Nagar, Jammu has changed my name from Rajeev Gupta (old name) to Rajiv Gupta (New name). I do hereby assume from this date the name surname Rajiv Gupta (New Name).

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STATE TIMES

General, Expenditure & Police Observers review Election preparedness at Ganderbal

Flag-off Election Awareness Rally from Mini Secretariat under SVEEP

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
GANDERBAL: The General Observer R. Lakshmanan, Expenditure Observer Ashok Gautam and Police Observer Bipin Shankarrao Ahire on Thursday held a joint meeting here in the Conference Hall of Mini Secretariat to take first-hand appraisal of the preparedness for Assembly Elections-2024 in the district.

The meeting was attended by District Election Officer, Shyambir; SSP Ganderbal, Wasim Qadri; Additional District Development Commissioner, Mushtaq Ahmad Simnani; Additional Deputy Commissioner, Gulzar Ahmad; Dy DEO, CPO and other Nodal Officers.

At the outset, the Observers held an extensive interaction with Nodal Officers and discussed threadbare various crucial aspects related to the conduct of Assembly elections in the district.

The Observers imparted important instructions to



General Observer R. Lakshmanan, Expenditure Observer Ashok Gautam and Police Observer Bipin Shankarrao Ahire convening a joint meeting.

the participants and impressed to ensure strict implementation of the Model Code of Conduct and be sufficiently vigilant while performing the duties.

The District Election Officer provided a detailed overview of arrangements including Material Management, SVEEP, Election Management Machinery, Election Expenditure Monitoring, EVM Management, arrangements at polling stations and Distribution Cum Receipt Centres (DCRC) and other measures undertaken for smooth and peaceful conduct of the forthcoming Assembly elections in

the district.

It was informed that as many as 2,08,018 registered electorates are exercising their franchise in the upcoming Assembly Elections-2024 in the twin Assembly Constituencies of the district. The District Election Officer assured the Observers of the administration's full preparedness to ensure free, fair, and peaceful elections.

While reviewing the status of polling stations, the DEO informed that a total 267 polling stations are established with all facilities in 219 designated locations in the district besides Special Polling stations are also

established in different locations of the district.

SSP Ganderbal briefed the meeting regarding the security plan and status of security personnel for Pre Poll and Poll day. He said that sufficient CCTV cameras are also installed on all critical locations to ensure round the clock surveillance in the district. Furthermore, the Observers also inspected the ongoing training session being imparted to the polling staff and enjoined upon the Officers to work with added zeal and unwavering dedication to uphold sanctity of the election process and safeguarding the democratic spirit.

Meanwhile, they conducted a thorough inspection of the arrangements at the Integrated District Election Control Room and interacted with the staff, the DEO briefed them about their operations which are well-equipped and prepared to handle their responsibilities effectively.

Later, the Observers also thoroughly reviewed the arrangements at DCRC established in Degree College Ganderbal. The DEO briefed the Observers about the arrangements and action plan for dispatching poll parties and election materials to the polling stations.

They stressed on a proactive approach and continued cooperation from all the stakeholders in preserving the sanctity of our democratic institutions.

Earlier, the observers flagged-off a mega election rally from the Mini Secretariat under SVEEP, aimed to raise awareness about the importance of voting.

General Observer inspects Strong Room, Polling station and RO Office in Reasi



General Observer for Reasi, Avi Prasad carrying out inspection of the RO Office.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
REASI: In preparation for the upcoming General Assembly Election 2024, General Observer for AC-57 Reasi and AC-58 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi (SMVD), Avi Prasad on Thursday carried out an extensive inspection of the Returning Officer (RO) 57 Office and the Strong Room for AC-57 (Reasi) today. The General Observer was accompanied by District Election Officer (DEO) Vishesh Mahajan.

The inspection was conducted to assess the district's preparedness for the secure handling, storage and management of election

materials. Ensuring that all security measures are in place, the inspection included a comprehensive review of the Strong Room, RO office, polling stations and other election-related facilities.

Later, the observer took stock of key facilities including the Media Cell, Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) and Election Control Room ensuring that all systems are in place for effective communication and monitoring during the elections. The Observer stressed the importance of these systems for effective

communication and monitoring throughout the election period, ensuring transparency and smooth conduct of the electoral process.

The General Observer emphasised the importance of a transparent and fair election process. Other officers present during the inspection were Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Sukhdev Singh Samayal, Nodal officer MCC (ADC) Kulbhushan Khajuria, Returning Officer AC-57 Anshumali Sharma, ARO AC-57 Suresh Singh and other key election officials.

SVEEP Program hosted at Gajoth - Bhalla to spread Voter Awareness



Local flower growers, farmers, and ICDS team at awareness programme.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
DODA: A special Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) program was conducted on Thursday in the remote Panchayat of Gajoth in Bhalla Tehsil to raise awareness among voters about the importance of voting.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from local flower growers, farmers, and the ICDS team of Doda, reflecting a broad spectrum of community involvement.

The program was graced by

the presence of District Election Officer Harvinder Singh, who delivered a compelling message about the significance of every single vote in a democracy. He urged all eligible voters to exercise their democratic right, calling it a vital step towards shaping the future of the region.

The event also featured the contribution from the Program Officer ICDS, Doda, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO), Bhaderwah, Nodal Officer Media Cell/MCMC Nasir Ahmed

along with SVEEP Nodal Officer.

Together, they appealed to the residents of the Gajoth Panchayat to turn out in large numbers on Election Day and contribute to a robust democratic process.

Despite Gajoth's remote location, the event witnessed a positive reception from the locals, who expressed appreciation for the information provided through the SVEEP program. Many community members remarked on how the initiative gave them valuable knowledge about the electoral process and the power of their vote. The SVEEP program continues to play an instrumental role in fostering voter education and encouraging active participation in the democratic process across the Doda District.

Touqeer Bagwan, a progressive and dynamic young farmer played a pivotal role in making the event a success.

■ **STATE TIMES NEWS**
JAMMU: In a petition filed by the Zahoor Ahmed Bhat Senior Lecturer in Political Science in the School Education Department who is challenging inter-alia the vires of Rule 14 of the Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees (Conduct) Rules, 1971. The said provision prohibits a Government employee for taking part in politics or anti-secular and communal activities.

A Division Bench of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Comprising Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Mohd Youasf Wani issue notice to the respondents, M. I. Dar, counsel with Ms Sana Imam, for respondent No. 1, Mr. Abdul Rashid Malik, Sr. AAG with Mr. Mohd Yunus Hafiz, for respondent Nos. 2, 3, 4 and

6, Mr. D. C. Raina, AG for respondent No. 5 and Mr. Mubeen Wani, learned Dy. AG for respondent No. 7 accept notice.

DB further directed the respondents to file their reply within four weeks. Rejoinder, if any, be filed within three weeks thereafter. List on 21st October 2024 and ordered that in the meanwhile, the application of the petitioner dated 7th August 2024 be considered by the competent authority in accordance with law.

Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that his prayers are twofold i.e., firstly, that the Rule itself be declared ultra-vires and be quashed as it prevents the petitioner for taking part in the elections as a prospective candidate to the Legislative Assembly without resigning from his service as Senior Lecturer in Political Science in the School Education Department.

In the alternative, counsel for the petitioner has argued that Rule 14 be interpreted in a manner that does not prohibit a Government employee from standing for elections to the State Legislature provided that if he is elected, he would have to resign from his Government service. He has further argued that Rule 14 only prohibits that taking part in politics or anti-secular and communal activities and does not prohibit taking part in the electoral process as a prospective candidate to the Legislative Assembly. In his support, he has placed

before this Court the rules governing Government servants in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Tripura and the Central Services, where the corresponding provision prohibits the Government servant from taking part in election itself. Under the circumstances, learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the omission of the word "elections" in Section 14 is a conscious omission in the rule.

Advocate General DC Raina who has appeared to oppose the said petition at the very outset has drawn the attention of this Court to sub-Rule 3 of Rule 13 which according to the learned AG has to be read in conjunction with Rule 14. This argument was made in order to clarify the ambiguity in the terms "politics", "anti-secular" and "communal activities" as these words have not been defined in the rules. Sub-Rule 3 of Rule 13 lays an embargo on the government employee from uttering, writing or discussing or criticizing in public, in any meeting or any association or body, any policy or action taken by the Government and also prohibited the Government employee from participating in any discussion or criticism. On the basis of sub-Rule 3, learned AG has submitted that participation in the electoral process and standing for election as a candidate to the UT (Legislature), is an impossibility without being critical of the existing Government/governance, existing policy of the gover-

nance for which speeches, which would be included in utterance, manifesto which would be included in writing and canvassing which would be included in "otherwise discussed or criticized in public" and as Rule 13(3) has not been challenged in the present petition, the examination of Rule 14 and whether it is ultra-vires is an impossibility.

AG has also referred to Section 134-A of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951 which provides for penalty for Government servants for acting as election agent, polling agent or counting agent. Learned AG has submitted that a Government servant if found acting as an election agent or a polling agent or a counting agent of a candidate at an election, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine, or with both. AG has submitted that 134-A when read in conjunction with Rule 14 and Rule 13(3), prohibits the petitioner from standing for election. As regards Section 134(A) of the RP Act 1951, prima facie we are unable to agree with the learned AG as Rule 134-A is a penal provision in an otherwise regulatory statute. Penal provisions have to be construed strictly as they provide for imprisonment and the loss of liberty. Merely because, it finds a place in a regulatory statute cannot be a reason to resort to progressive interpretation of the said provision.

Rule of interpretation is clear and unambiguous and

Penal provisions have to be construed strictly.

DB observed that under the circumstances, this court on a prima facie appreciation of Section 134-A of the RP Act, 1951, is of the view that the penalty to be imposed is only for persons who are government servants, but acting as election agent, or a polling agent or a counting agent of a candidate and does not extend or provide any penalty for a government employee standing as a candidate himself.

DB further observed that later on, Hyder Rasool, a young law graduate and Reader of this Court also drew our attention to two provisions which would be relevant for consideration in this case.

Firstly, he drew our attention to Article 191 of the Constitution of India which provides for disqualification for membership for being chosen, as, and for being, a member of the Legislative Assembly or Legislative Council of a State by persons who are holding any office of profit under the Government of India or the Government of any State and, an analogous provision in the J&K Re-organization Act, 2019 and also analogous provisions of Section 27 of the J&K Re-organization Act 2019 which is in pari-materia with Article 191 of the Constitution of India.

All the views taken in this order are prima facie and they will be all subject to different interpretation by this Court itself after hearing arguments.